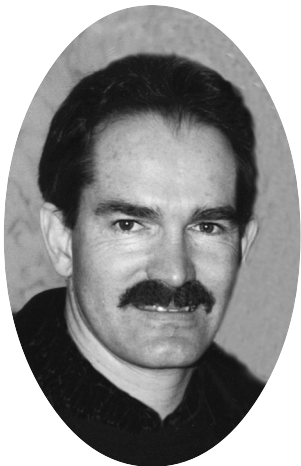


This is also a story of George I (1660-1727) of England and his grandson Frederick the Great (1712-1786) of Prussia, of their unquenchable lust for power, interlaced with an intimate look into their tragic private lives and those of their parents and nearest relatives. Frederick quite rightly earned his esteemed title of ‘the Great’ through his military prowess. During the Seven Years’ War (1756-63) his tiny kingdom of just 3 million Prussians fought against a combined enemy of 45 million French, Russians, Austria-Hungarians, Swedes and Saxons and was NOT defeated!



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The tragic story of Princess Diana, the former wife of Charles, the Prince of Wales and heir to the English throne, has mesmerized the world throughout the 1990s. Yet her story just continues a tragic theme within the Royal Families of Europe which has run for a thousand years, and more. Marriages arranged to forge political alliances, to gain more territory and influence, and NOT for love, almost always had horrendous, tragic personal consequences for all those involved. Such alliances, in a political power sense, were so successful that they led to the formation of the borders of modern day Europe. Sadly, the immense personal tragedies within the Royal Families were never allowed to get in the way, as each family made its way along the road to glory and wealth beyond imagination. This book explains what happened during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries in Northern Germany, within the families that came to rule the two most powerful countries in Europe, Great Britain and Germany.

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